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19 JUN 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR : Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Attention: Mr. S.J. Papich

SUBJECT : Der Spiegel Interview with District Attorney James C. GARRISON

1. The 22 May 1967 edition of Der Spiegel carries the text of an interview of GARRISON conducted by an unidentified Spiegel reporter on an unstated date in GARRISON's office in New Orleans.

2. Although many of GARRISON's answers merely repeated comments made earlier to representatives of the American press, some of the material is new, at least in degree of emphasis. The more significant of these non-repetitive comments have been translated and arranged according to the five subjects to which they pertain: CIA (Attachment 1), the FBI and the Attorney General (Attachment 2), Jack Ruby (Attachment 3), Clay Shaw (Attachment 4), and GARRISON himself (Attachment 5).

3. Two of GARRISON's comments merit highlighting. The first is the remark, attributed to him by the reporter, that the Attorney General of the United States is not good enough for GARRISON's staff (Attachment 2). This statement has not been seen elsewhere in our press coverage. It is noteworthy, however, that GARRISON does not deny having made this statement but rather tries to explain why he said it.

4. The other remark of particular interest was made by GARRISON in response to a query about whether he would accept support from any quarter, including Izvestiya. His answer included the comment

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that the Soviet government and press had shown themselves more intensely interested in learning what really happened to President Kennedy than the American government and press.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR PLANS:

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Attachments:
1 thru 5, described para. 2, above

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